

One Court of Justice

# **Michigan Supreme Court**

## **2002 Annual Report**

### **District Court**

### **Statistical Supplement**

## Introduction

In the Fall of 1997, the State Court Administrative Office commenced a project to revise the trial court caseload reports. The project was initiated partly in response to the creation of the family division of circuit court, but also to bring more uniformity between the three trial court jurisdictions. This new reporting system was implemented January 1, 2002. For highlights of the new system, an explanation as to what the new data means, and an analysis of the data, see the *Michigan Supreme Court 2002 Annual Report*.

Much of the information in this report is due to the hard work and dedication of the trial courts and their information technology departments, the Judicial Information Systems, and staff of the State Court Administrative Office implementing major changes to the caseload reporting system. These changes included not only the revised reporting requirements but the development of a web application for collecting and reporting caseload data. The willingness of the courts to accommodate this new technology, their patience during the refinement of the web application and the verification process, and the expense to their resources associated with implementing this project is much appreciated. Their many efforts have resulted in a much improved caseload reporting system.

The caseload data for 2002 is provided in both a summary format and a detail format. The summary format is organized under categories that had been used in previous years so that comparisons can continue to be made from one year to the next. A legend is provided which explains under which category case type codes appear in the summary. The detail format shows the totals by each case type code.

Statewide District Court Summary

2002 Court Caseload Report

	Non-Traffic			Traffic		Civil			Parking	Total
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Civil Infractions	Misdemeanor and Civil	OUIL/OWI	Civil	Small Claims	Summary		
Beginning Pending	21,506	140,567	10,294	344,029	15,545	84,661	25,100	26,935	59,623	728,260
New Filings	78,772	319,721	32,428	2,175,625	60,572	264,061	104,208	206,276	314,616	3,556,279
Reopened	33,215	139,141	1,961	209,923	11,662	4,455	1,899	602	14,533	417,391
<b>Total Caseload</b>	<b>133,493</b>	<b>599,429</b>	<b>44,683</b>	<b>2,729,577</b>	<b>87,779</b>	<b>353,177</b>	<b>131,207</b>	<b>233,813</b>	<b>388,772</b>	<b>4,701,930</b>
Jury Verdict	10	960	0	136	352	87	0	20	0	1,565
Bench Verdict	728	6,266	1,726	112,275	1,583	2,879	13,689	16,601	4,708	160,455
Guilty Plea/Admission/Waive	13,139	180,874	14,590	1,323,000	50,871	0	0	0	160,080	1,742,554
Uncontested/Dflt/Settled	0	0	0	0	0	172,733	40,937	112,132	0	325,802
Bindover/Transfer	53,210	0	0	0	3,831	736	4,447	57	0	62,281
Dismissed by Party	4,762	40,305	2,476	60,195	1,506	25,967	27,166	54,591	3,087	220,055
Dismissed by Court	5,555	73,570	5,128	224,148	2,173	34,270	17,256	12,237	21,134	395,471
Default	0	0	9,804	458,740	0	0	0	0	146,999	615,543
Inactive Status	36,613	172,754	0	161,396	13,331	7,066	1,030	1,923	0	394,113
Local Diversion	385	17,375	0	8,122	293	0	0	0	0	26,175
Other Disposition	0	0	0	0	0	2,877	2,155	842	0	5,874
Case Type Change	272	3,813	60	4,145	270	28	61	24	400	9,073
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>114,674</b>	<b>495,917</b>	<b>33,784</b>	<b>2,352,157</b>	<b>74,210</b>	<b>246,643</b>	<b>106,741</b>	<b>198,427</b>	<b>336,408</b>	<b>3,958,961</b>
<b>Ending Pending</b>	<b>18,819</b>	<b>103,512</b>	<b>10,899</b>	<b>377,420</b>	<b>13,569</b>	<b>106,534</b>	<b>24,466</b>	<b>35,386</b>	<b>52,364</b>	<b>742,969</b>

## **District Court Caseload Annual Report Legend**

### **Non-Traffic**

Felony – EX, FT, FY

Misdemeanor – OM, SM

Civil Infractions – ON, SN

### **Traffic**

Misdemeanor and Civil – OI, OT, SI, ST

OUIL/OWI – FD, OD, SD

### **Civil**

Civil – GC, GZ

Small Claims – SC

Summary – LT, SP

Parking – OK, SK